

MINUTES

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY

AIKEN TECHNICAL COLLEGE, AIKEN, SC

ROOM 1300, HEALTH AND SCIENCE BUILDING

REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 19, 2004 – 7:00 P. M.

(A) CALL TO ORDER

Determining that a quorum was present, Chairman Young called the meeting to order.

Council Members present:

Chairman Ronnie Young
Kathy Rawls
Scott Singer
Chuck Smith
Eddie Butler
Charles Barton
Rick Osbon
Willar H. Hightower, Jr.

Council Members absent:

LaWana McKenzie

Also present:

J. Clay Killian, County Administrator
Robert M. Bell, County Attorney
Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

(B) INVOCATION

Councilman Hightower led in the invocation.

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Osbon led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 21, 2004 Worksession
 2. September 21, 2004 Regular Meeting
- a. Councilman Butler made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Smith seconded.
 - b. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

(E) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Councilman Smith made a motion to amend and approve the agenda as follows:
 1. Delete Consent Item 12.
 2. Delete Consent Item 25.

3. Add Consent Item 26 – A proposed Resolution To Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute a Contract with CSRA Computer Services for the Upgrade of the Tax Billing and Collections Software System.
- b. Councilman Osbon seconded the motion. The amended agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

(F) PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 22, Taxation of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Allow for Delayed Payment of Real Property Taxes for Persons Serving in the United States Armed Forces or National Guard in or Near a Hazard Duty Zone.
 - a. No comments were made.
2. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Aiken County Code of Ordinances Relating to the Aiken County Transit Commission.
 - a. Ms. Kathy Fowler, Chairman of the Aiken County Transportation Commission, stated that Council's decision to transfer the transit system to the Lower Savannah Council of Governments was probably best for the system. Ms. Fowler went on record commending Ms. Sonya Bishop for her commitment and dedication to the transit system and to her work.

(G) OLD BUSINESS

1. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 04-6-11, the FY 2005 County Operating Budget to Correct the Fire Fees Charged for the GVW Fire Department and to Change the Fee Charged for Purchase of the Draft Land Management Ordinance.
(County Council) (Third Reading)
 - a. Councilman Butler moved for the adoption. Councilman Osbon seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote.
2. Proposed Ordinance to Provide for the Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding \$9,000,000 General Obligation Bonds of 2004 of Aiken County, South Carolina, to Prescribe the Purposes for Which the Proceeds Shall be Expended, to Provide for the Payment Thereof, and Other Matters Relating Thereto.
(County Council) (Third Reading)
 - a. Councilman Barton moved for the adoption. Councilman Hightower seconded.
 - b. Councilman Smith made a motion to amend the dollar amount of the General Obligation Bonds to \$7,500,000. Councilman Butler seconded the amendment.
 - c. The amendment passed by unanimous vote.
 - d. The amended Ordinance passed by unanimous vote.
3. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 6.3, Detention Center of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Authorize the Operational Responsibility for the Aiken County Detention Center to be Assigned to Another County Department, Elected Official, or Outside Entity Through a Contractual Arrangement, and to Make Other Changes Related Thereto.
(County Council) (Third Reading)

- a. Councilman Osbon made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilman Butler seconded.
- b. Passed by unanimous vote.

(H) CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

I. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

1. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commissions and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.
(Rawls, Singer, McKenzie, Smith, Butler, Barton, Osbon)
2. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Allocation of Funds for Various Non Profit Agencies from the FY 2005 Council Contingency Fund.
(County Council)
3. Proposed Resolution to Assign the Official Road Name of Fox Bluff Lane (P-1239) to an Existing Unnamed Private Road in County Council District 2.
(Singer)
4. Proposed Resolution to Accept a Deed and Certificate of Title for Goudy Court (C-2576), and an Extension of Willow Lane (C-2505), and a Detention Pond in The Willows Subdivision Located in Council District 5.
(Butler)
5. Proposed Resolution to Accept an Easement on Rebel Road (C-134) Needed for a Roadway Storm Drainage System.
(Development Committee)
6. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Acceptance of Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung International, Inc. of Columbia, SC, as the Design Engineer for the Next 3.30 Miles (Browns Pond Road) of the Sales Tax Program.
(Development Committee)
7. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Acceptance of Power Engineering Company, Inc. of Columbia, SC, as the Design Engineer for the Next 1.21 Miles (Joyce Branch Road) of the Sales Tax Program.
(Development Committee)
8. Proposed Resolution to Accept Easements on Flowing Well Road (S-264) Needed for Capital Projects Sales Tax Paving Project.
(Development Committee)
9. Proposed Resolution to Approve a Partial Waiver of Fees from the Town of Burnettown for the Sassafras Festival.
(Development Committee)
10. Proposed Resolution to Disapprove a Waiver of Fees for Use of the White Pond Community Center by Patsy Willing.
(Development Committee)

11. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Business Information Systems for an Electronic Document Management System.
(Administrative Committee)
12. **DELETED**
13. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the County Administrator to Dispose of Surplus Property.
(Administrative Committee)
14. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute an Agreement with the Aiken County Sheriff for the Operation of the Aiken County Detention Center.
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
15. Proposed Resolution to Direct that Speed Limit Signs be Erected on Wendy Lane (C-802) and Fire Tower Road (C-491) Located in Council District 1.
(Rawls)
16. Proposed Resolution Honoring Mr. James “Jimmy” Williams on His 80th Birthday.
(Hightower)
17. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute a Renewal Agreement with ESI for Maintenance of the Communications Equipment in the Sheriff’s Office Dispatch Center.
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
18. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Central Procurement Division to Purchase 4 x 4 Utility Vehicles from Augusta Turf & Tractor.
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
20. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with MAO Westwood Pharmacy for Pharmacy Services at the Detention Center.
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
21. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 22. Taxation of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Allow for Delayed Payment of Real Property Taxes for Persons Serving in the United States Armed Forces or National Guard in or Near a Hazard Duty Zone.
(Administrative Committee) (Second Reading)
22. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Aiken County Code of Ordinances Relating to the Aiken County Transit Commission.
(County Council) (Second Reading)

II. CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

23. Proposed Ordinance to Provide for the Adoption of an Annual Operating Budget for the Mattie C. Hall Health Care Center for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2005 Through December 31, 2005, and to Provide for Related Matters Thereto.
(Administrative Committee)
24. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 04-2-04 Imposing a Moratorium on the Erection of Freestanding Signs Larger Than 32 Square Feet in Aiken County by Authorizing Staff Approval of Said Signs Under Certain Conditions.
(Development Committee)

25. **DELETED**

26. Proposed Resolution To Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute a Contract with CSRA Computer Services for the Upgrade for the Tax Billing and Collections Software System.

(ADDITION)

a. Councilman Hightower made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Butler seconded.

b. The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

(I) ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND THE PUBLIC RECORD

1. Fiscal Year 2005 Aiken County Contingency Report as of September 22, 2004.

(J) INFORMAL MEETING OF WHOLE

a. Councilman Smith made a motion to recess for Executive Session. Councilman Butler seconded.

b. The motion to recess passed by unanimous vote.

RECESSED 7:24 P. M.

(K) EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Legal Matters:

a. Status Report on Pending Litigation, Legal Claims and Legal Advice.
(County Attorney) (Verbal)

2. Contractual Matters:

3. Personnel Matters:

RECONVENED – 7:43 P. M.

a. Following Executive Session, Councilman Smith made a Voice Motion to approve the grant of right of way on Aiken County/PSA property to UCB/Surface Specialties for the installation of a gas pipeline and metering station. Councilman Hightower seconded the Voice Motion.

b. The Voice Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

c. Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Butler seconded.

d. The motion to adjourn passed by unanimous vote.

(L) ADJOURNMENT – 7:44 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNED:

Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

Ronnie Young, Chairman